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In re Application of) **MAIL STOP RCE**
BOYMOND et al.)
Serial No. 09/647,069)
Filed: SEPTEMBER 26, 2000)
For: A PROCESS FOR PREPARING GRIGNARD COMPOUNDS

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Answer of December 30, 2003, applicants
respectfully request continued examination and suspension of action, in accordance
with 37 CFR §§1.114 and 1.103.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending and have been rejected. Claims 6-8 have been canceled as they are drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants request a continuation of examination under 37 CFR 1.114 and a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 in order to allow applicants the necessary time to provide the examiner with further evidence.

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